

FORM PTO-1390 (REV. 01-2003)		US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE	ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 125595
<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/552,462	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/005009	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE April 7, 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED April 9, 2003	
<b>TITLE OF INVENTION</b> SPLIT RIM FOR TIRE, METHOD OF ASSEMBLING A RIM/TIRE ASSEMBLY, AND METHOD AND DEVICE FOR INSTALLING THE RIM/TIRE ASSEMBLY			
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:			
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<b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b>			
11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: A copy of the International Search Report is attached to the Information Disclosure Statement.			

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- 2. The references were cited in the International Search Report. An English language version of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- 3. English language Abstracts of references 2-6 are attached hereto.
- 4. Computer-generated English language translations of the following Japanese references have been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and are attached, but have not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 2-6.

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	1.	JP-U-03-051348	05/20/1991	JAPAN		
	2.	JP-A-07-027649 w/ abst. & trans.	01/31/1995	JAPAN		
	3.	JP-A-05-066171 w/ abst. & trans.	03/19/1993	JAPAN		
	4.	JP-A-10-073518 w/ abst. & trans.	03/17/1998	JAPAN		
	5.	JP-A-2001-512566 w/ abst. & trans.	08/21/2001	JAPAN		
	6.	JP-A-2003-240682 w/ abst. & trans.	08/27/2003	JAPAN		
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